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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT AHMAD WRITES PRIME MINISTER
BHUTTO

1. AUGUST 26 PAKISTAN PRESS CARRIES TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM MUSHTAQ AHMAD TO BHUTTO. AHMAD EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR "GESTURES" SPONTANEOUSLY MADE TO BANGLADESH BY GOP (EARLY GOP RECOGNITION AND GIFT OF RICE AND CLOTH) AND ADDS HE LOOKS FORWARD TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND "FRIENDLY AND BROTHERLY TIES" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MESSAGE DIPLOMATICALLY OMITTS ANY REFERENCE TO BHUTTO'S USE OF TERM "ISLAMIC REPUBLIC" IN HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THOSE GESTURES. THE USE OF TERM "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH" WHICH GOP NOW FULLY AWARE IS STILL CORRECT IS TEMPERED BY USE OF ISLAMIC SALUTATION "ASSALAM-O-ALAIKUM".

2. TEXT OF MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

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" ASSALAM-O-ALAIKUM: YOUR EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE

HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
MESSAGE CONVEYED BY THE EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND
ON AUG. 18, 1975, AS WELL AS THE MESSAGE RECEIVED
THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADOR IN RANGOON.

"MAY I, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF BANGLADESH, GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE GESTURES
SO SPONTANEOUSLY MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF PAKISTAN.

"THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF BANGLADESH LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE TO THE
EARLIEST OPENING OF A NEW CHAPTER BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES, THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND THE
FORGING OF FRIENDLY AND BROTHERLY TIES BETWEEN US.

"IN THE END, EXCELLENCY, I WOULD LIKE TO TRANSMIT
GREETINGS FROM THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH TO THE PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN."
(STANDARD CLOSING)

3. EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF NASCENT PAK/BANGLADESH
RELATIONSHIP FOLLOWS IN SEPTEL.
BYROADE

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